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Noel Gayler brought his successor, Admiral Lynch, to see me. Lynch has been in the Operations Section of Naval Personnel in Washington for three years, and although he will not be at sea here, seems to welcome the change.

E and I lunched with Eliza and John Hope at 46, Chelsea Square. The others were the Peter Cazalets, Noel Coward, Edwina d'Erlanger, and the Ronald Trees. We enjoyed two hours of pleasure.

Tonight, thanks to Noel's kindness, we went to see his play, taking the O'Shaughnessys with us, at the Savoy Theatre. The Queen was present, so we had to be in our seats by 7:45.

I asked Noel after lunch what was the greatest number of plays he ever had running at the same time. He answered that in the 20's there were four of them, and since, generally two. He has lost none of his sparkle. He now has an official residence in Bermuda, but spends most of his time either in his house in Switzerland, or that in Jamaica.

"Sail Away", the spectacle, is not a stellar effort. Because of the Queen being there, and also since the proceeds were to go to charity, there was a brilliant looking audience, but one lacking in enthusiasm, except for the applause for the last song, "Why do the Wrong People Travel and the Right ~~People Stay at Home?~~" The whole performance was carried by the acress, Elaine Stritch, whose verve seemed inexhaustible.

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Guy Morgan, a distinguished architect, came to see me this morning. He is deeply concerned over atomic tests. He considers there is a connection between fall-out and leukaemia, from which his talented son, Tim, died two years ago while at Cambridge University. We talked for an hour on this subject, and I think

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We had what was for me an unusual ceremony in the office this afternoon. A documentary film, "Seawards the Great Ships" was awarded the Oscar for the best short film of 1961. This award, made by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, was turned over by me to Sir Alexander B. King, the Chairman of Films of Scotland. Since Lord Home is an old friend of King, he came to the office with

Lord Rosebery (Chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board)
The Hon. T. G. D. Galbraith (Under Secy of State, Scottish Office)
Sir Hugh Fraser, Honorary Treas., Films of Scotland
Mr. T. Fife Clark, Director-General of the Central Office of Information (COI)
Mr. Charles Dande, Chief of the Films Division, COI
Mr. Cullern-Bown, Chief of the Press Section, COI
Mr. William Clark

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Although Lord Rosebery is about eighty, he looked extremely well, perhaps due to his possession of a magnificent wine cellar, and the outdoor life he leads in connection with his race horses. There were many photographs.

Afterwards Lord Home remained, and I had a good talk with him about his recent conversations with U Thant, especially those bearing on the Congo problem.

Lew Douglas stopped in. He says he is greatly concerned over the position of the dollar, which, although intrinsically sound, is being threatened by our adverse Balance of Payments. He has an appointment to see Lord Cromer at the Bank of England, and expects to tell me later in the week the results.

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Nancy and Teddy White arrived this morning from New York, to stay a few days with us. Bill Hearst came tosee me. He is making his annual trip to touch the high political spots in Europe. I saw Edgar Mowrer for a short time this morning.

We had a lunch at home for

Sir John Kotelawala (Ceylon)
Mrs. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. Witherby
Two Witherby sons
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore White
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stevens (Chairman, National Cultural Center)
Mrs Peltz (Metropolitan Opera)
Mr. Wells
Mrs. Arthur Gardner (National Cultural Center)
Mr. and Mrs. Britton Browne (Mrs. Gardner's daughter)
Mr. Drew Dudley (Advertising Agency)
Mr. and Mrs. Olson
Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Roosevelt
Mr. Tweed Roosevelt
Mme. Bernier (French Publisher)
Miss Alexandra Bruce
Miss Terry Graham

S. Grocholski, an attractive Pole, introduced by Nancy Lancaster, consulted me this afternoon about possible American financial support for the sending into Poland of books published in that language in England They are currently doing a good deal of this, and have met with no particular obstruction from the Polish Government. I made some suggestions to him.

I went down to the House of Lords this afternoon to deliver to Lord Home a message from the Secretary. It did not require any action, but dealt with the desire of the two Governments to keep in close touch on colonial and UN matters. This is agreeable on both sides, and has been the subject of communications between the Prime Minister and the President.

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There was an orgy of what might have been interesting receptions this afternoon, which for lack of time we missed. One was given by Stephen Spender and Melvin Lasky, and another by Steven Runciman.

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